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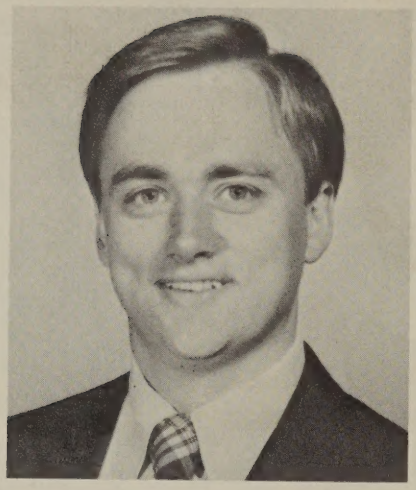
For The Hospital for Special Surgery, Friday, May 25, 1979, became a historic day marked by a festive gathering of HSS family and friends. The occasion was the Groundbreaking Ceremony celebrating the beginning of our Hospital Expansion Program.

The standing room only crowd listened under the yellow and white tent as Congressman S. William Green and Senator Roy M. Goodman recalled the long and excellent reputation of Special Surgery and praised the Hospital's continuing development and expansion.

The Hospital, the oldest orthopedic institution in the United States, has continued to grow since it was founded in 1863 and this project marks our next step into the future.

The highlight of the morning occurred as Mr. Henry U. Harris, President of the Board of Managers, led the groundbreaking committee to the site of excavation and each member turned a shovel of dirt signifying the start of construction.

In concluding the morning's activities, Mr. Broas thanked the entire staff of HSS for their assistance and support and invited all present to a reception in the Hospital.



MR. WENTWORTH DURGIN

On June 4, 1979, Mr. Wentworth Durgin assumed the full-time duties of Director of Development, a new position at HSS.

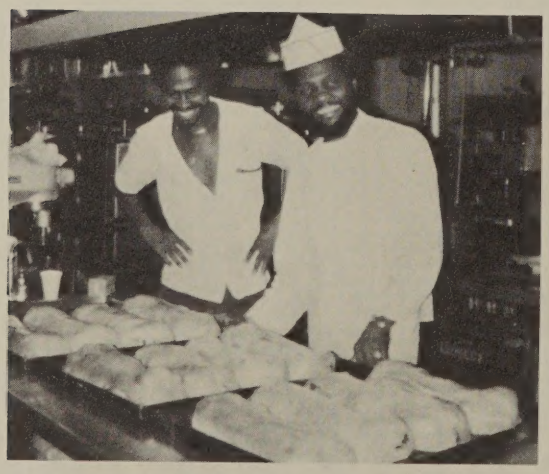
Mr. Durgin holds an advance degree from Yale University and has a solid background in fund raising. He has most recently been associated with the United Presbyterian Church Major Mission Fund and will be working closely with Mr. Tozier Brown and the HSS Horizon Fund.

On behalf of the entire HSS staff, we wish to extend a warm welcome to Mr. Durgin.

BEST WISHES

On May 31st Ms. Mary Jackson retired after thirteen years as an employee in the HSS Accounting Department.

A tea was held for Ms. Jackson and many friends and co-workers came to wish her well.



BEHIND THE SCENES

The Main Kitchen was the scene of much activity on June 12 as the staff prepared the menu for the 15/25 Year Club Dinner. Here we see Clinton James and Roupart Brown who have just removed the Beef Wellington from the oven, while Johnnie Peterson checks the meringue/ice cream dessert.

NEW HORIZON EMPLOYEE CAMPAIGN

It was certainly an unusual way to start or end the day. The kickoff to the Employee Campaign was Thursday, June 8. The campaign chairpersons, Joe Lukas, Randy Burrison and Gerri Nicholson greeted all those who passed through the lobby with a smile, some hot coffee and tunes from Joe's four piece band.

They were heralding the start of the employee participation in the support for the construction which is now beginning. Chairpersons, Randy, Gerri and Joe have been speaking with as many of us as they can. They are answering questions about the project. They are also backing the idea that we, as employees, should have a chance to take part in the campaign as a group, if we wish to.

PROGRESS NOTED

In the first stage of the campaign, the employees are more than halfway toward our goal of $30,000. As of July 20, more than $20,004 has been given or pledged.

Pledges are continuing to come in. The chairpersons are hopeful that we will eventually go over the top.

If you need another pledge card, you can obtain one by calling the Campaign Office (ext. 195).

Let's do it together!

FIFTEEN/TWENTY-FIVE YEAR CLUB DINNER

On Tuesday, June 12, the members of the Fifteen/Twenty-Five Year Club gathered for their Annual Dinner. After *President Randolph Burrison* welcomed the guests, *Mavis Kemble* delivered the invocation.

This year 24 individuals were honored at the Dinner for the completion of either 15 or 25 years of service to the Hospital.

Mrs. Brita Fried and *Dr. Robert Lee Patterson* presented pins to the following recipients:

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS

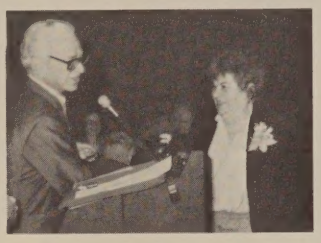
Dr. Samuel Avnet
Mr. Randolph Burrison
Mrs. Grace Dennis
Mrs. Claire Pellich
Mrs. Charlotte Reuter
Mrs. Bert Sloane

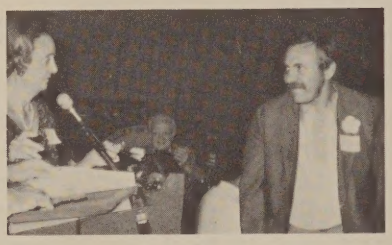
FIFTEEN YEARS

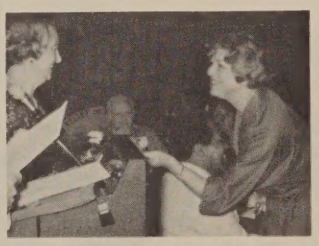
Mr. Emanuel Baum
Mrs. Lue Ethel Bray
Mr. Clarence Clarke
Mrs. Eva Frieberger
Dr. John Insall
Miss Judith Kurtz
Mr. James Lawrence
Mrs. Sonia Lopez
Mrs. Helen Mandel
Dr. Ralph Marcove
Mrs. Helen Martinez
Mrs. Lorraine Mattes
Miss Virginia Roberts
Mr. Theodore Simmons
Mr. Charles Thieriot
Mrs. Margaret Von Goeben
Mrs. Katherine Wilson
Mr. Jerome Yates

After dinner *Dr. Peter Marchisello* joined *Joan Reuben* and *Gary Ridley* in a musical skit which provided a delightful change of pace.

It was apparent that everyone who attended had a most enjoyable evening.







EMPLOYEE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

BLOOD PRESSURE TESTING

Approximately 600 employees and visitors had their blood pressure tested during an employee activity sponsored campaign. Employees in need of follow-up were referred to Personnel Health Service and other individuals were referred to their own physicians for treatment.

A very special thanks to those Nurses and Doctors who volunteered their time and services to make this program the success it was.

PERFECT SCORE

Bowlers, Bunnies and other friends joined together for a successful evening of celebration at the Playboy Club. The occasion was the annual HSS Bowling Dinner. Club President Alfred Howe reported that everyone had a super time.

ROOFTOP BARB-B-Q

Hot dogs! Hamburgers! Corn on the cob! Watermelon! All the soda and coffee you can drink! Cooking done by "superb, multi-talented chefs", outdoor dining and a spectacular view of the river all added to the enjoyment of the HSS employees at the annual barbecue.

LIFE SAVING COURSE

We are happy to report the first two groups of employees have successfully completed the CPR program. This was not an easy feat. It included vigorous practical training in techniques, attendance at all sessions and both a performance and written examination for certification.

We'd like to thank the Nursing Staff Development Department for donating their time to teach the classes and Anne Dreyfus for overseeing the coordination of the program. There is a waiting list of employees interested in taking the course and we plan to continue the program in the Fall.

VOLCANIC REACTION

Another in a series of cultural slide presentations was held on Tuesday June 14th. The subject-the life and culture of ancient Pompeii. It was a rumbling success.

Wedding Anniversary on June 9. *Mr. Raminger* worked for 48 years as an orthortist with our Hospital before retiring in 1966.

...to *Dr. Stephen Paget & his wife Sandra* who gave birth to a 7 lb. 2 oz. baby boy, *Matthew Scott*, on April 20, 1979.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Mr. George A. Sarkar, Asst. Director has been admitted to membership in the American College of Hospital Administrators.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Miss Jeanne Rankin, Manager of the Communications Dept. was married to Mr. Edwin Gorsky, June 23, 1979.

Ms. Rhonda Shor announces her engagement to Mr. Jeffrey Frank. They plan to be married September 15, 1979.

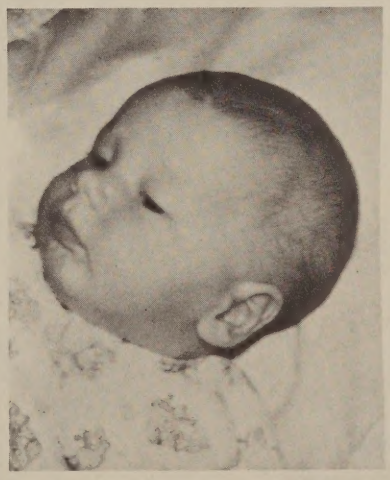
RETIREMENT

Mr. Teodoro Ortiz retired from the Dietary Service on June 1 after 17 years of service.

CONGRATULATIONS...

...to *Miss Judith Kurtz*, Rehabilitation Medicine, *Miss Anita vonHellens*, Nursing Service, *Miss Peggy Webb*, Dietary on receiving their M.B.A. degrees from Adelphi University.

...to *Mr. & Mrs. Carl Raminger* who celebrated their 50th



... to *Drs. Timothy & Mary Beth Walsh* on the birth of their son *Michael James*, who weighed 7 lbs. 14 oz. at birth on March 26, 1979.

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CAPPING OF CLASS 53

Since the beginning of modern nursing in the 19th century, the nurse's cap has become a symbol of professionalism and dedication. Over recent years the cap has been disappearing from many hospital corridors, but here at Special Surgery the cap remains and so, on April 25, 1979, the School of Practical Nursing held its capping ceremony for Class 53.

VOLUNTEER AWARDS TEA

On May 2nd, the Hospital paid tribute to its volunteers. In the ceremony which was held in the Lecture Hall, Mr. Donald Broas expressed his thanks to the awardees and emphasized what an important service they perform for the Hospital. Mrs. Florence Numrich was the recipient of the cherished Germaine Wilson Award.

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